Promotion of micro-irrigation

925. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive scheme for promotion of micro-irrigation, facilities through drip irrigation and sprinkler equipment and adoption of other cost effective methods, including mechanization of agriculture through cooperatives, to boost agricultural produce, has been under consideration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken to implement the same indicating the steps to harness State Panchayat and local resources, talent and leadership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Promotion of micro-irrigation facilities through drip irrigation, sprinkler equipment is undertaken under the comprehensive macro-management scheme which allows the State Governments to formulate work plan proposals as per their requirments and also under the Intensive Cotton Development Programme (Technology Mission on Cotton and Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses). Subsidy is being provided to farmers on purchase of various types of agriculture implements/machines. In case of tractors, subsidy is provided up to 30 Power Take Off (PTO) HP and the subsidy is also available to Registered Cooperative Societies, Multipurpose Agricultural Farming Societies and Agricultural Credit Societies. These schemes are being implemented through State Government Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture.

Marketing yards and godowns for farmers

926. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up marketing yards and Government godowns for providing additional storage and marketing facilities to farmers have been submitted by Governments of different States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the Central Aid, if any, sought therefor; and

(c) Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under Mini Mission III of the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North-Eastern States (including Sikkim), proposals for grant of Central Assistance of Rs. 1932.28 lakhs for development of markets have been received. First instalment of Central assistance of Rs. 439.00 lakhs for setting up of 67 markets has been released. The proposal of release of funds for setting up of 5 wholesale markets @ Rs. 50.00 lakh for each market in Nagaland is under consideration Statement-I. (*See* below)

Under Technology Mission on Cotton (Mini Mission III) set up for improving the production and quality of cotton, proposals for grant of Central Assistance of Rs. 3868.15 lakhs for development of market yards have been received from ten State Governments. Central Share of Rs. 1771.51 lakhs has been reimbursed for setting up of 51 market yards Statement-II (*See* below)

A new Central Sector Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction/renovation/expansion of Rural Godowns has been approved on 26.2.02 to be implemented during 2001-03. The bachended subsidy under the scheme is linked to institutional credit and will be available to only such projects as are financed by Commercial Banks, Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks. The project for construction of rural godowns can be taken up by individual, farmers, group of farmers/growers, partnership/ Proprietary firms, Non-Government Organisations, Self Help Groups, Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards and Agro Processing Corporations in the entire country. The subsidy under the scheme will be routed through National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development and National Cooperative Development Corporation. An allocation of Rs. 90 crores has been made for creation of 18.50 lakh tonnes storage capacity and renovation/ expansion of 1.5 lakh tonnes during 2001-03. As it is a new scheme,

no proposal from any State Government for assistance under this scheme has been received.

Statement-I

Statewise progress of Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (Mini Mission-III)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Central assistance sought		Central assistance released	
		No. of markets	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of markets	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	33	440.50	30	194.00
2.	Assam	8	145.00	—	—
3.	Manipur	1	50.00	—	—
4.	Meghalaya	13	82.50**	—	—
5.	Mizoram	23	394.28	22	167.50
6.	Nagaland	32@	580.00	—	—
7.	Sikkim	16	205.00	15	77.50
8.	Tripura	8	35.00	—	—
	TOTAL	134	1932.28	67	439.00

* includes wholesale/primary markets and apni mandies.

** this does not include the amount of central assistance sought for two wholesale markets of Meghalaya as the same was not included in the proposal.

@ Viable proposals of five wholesale markets of Nagaland received recently are being considered for grant of central assistance.

Proposals received from the remaining States were not found in order.

Statement-II

Statewise Progress of Technology Mission on Cotton (Mini Mission-III)

Sl. No.	State	No. of market yards sanctioned	Goverment of India share	State share	Total cost Upto Jan., 200.. (Rs. in lakhs)	Funds* reimbursed upto Jan., 2002 (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Punjab	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Haryana	5	385.00	360.84	745.84	201.21
3.	Rajasthan	7	560.81	498.79	1059.60	279.85
4.	Gujarat	15	1013.78	892.08	1905.86	383.34
5.	Madhya Pradesh	6	535.00	579.02	1114.02	232.72
6.	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Andhra Pradesh	8	580.00	704.27	1284.27	252.83
8.	Karnataka	5	385.00	336.02	721.02	223.56
9.	Tamil Nadu	2	238.49	174.45	412.94	175.74
10.	Orissa	3	170.07	117.54	287.61	22.26
	TOTAL	**51**	**3868.15**	**3663.01**	**7531.16**	**1771.51**

Haryana (05):— improvement of existing yards-04, activation of dormant market yards-01

Rajasthan (07):— improvement of existing yards-06, activation of dormant market yards-01

Gujarat (15):— setting up of new yards-01, improvement of existing yards-08, activation of dormant market yards-06

Madhya Pradesh (06):— setting up of new yards-01, improvement of existing yards-04, activation of dormant market yards-01

*Funds are reimbursed in a phased manner on receipt of bills from the concerned Agricultural Produce Market Committee.

Andhra Pradesh (08):—setting up of new yards-02, improvement of existing yards-02, activation of dormant market yards-04

Karnataka (05):—improvement of existing yards-04, activation of dormant market yards-01

Tamil Nadu (02):—setting up of new yards-01, improvement of existing yards-01

Orissa (03):—setting up of new yards-01, improvement of existing yards-01, activation of dormant market yards-01.

Area under Oil Palm Cultivation

927. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan has been drawn up to increase the area under Oil Palm Cultivation to produce about three million tonnes of additional crude palm oil by the year 2025, so as to bridge the present huge gap between demand and supply of edible oils in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific regions identified for expanding the area under plantation and for setting up of additional processing facilities, the financial outlays contemplated, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) A plan has been conceived by National Research Centre for Oil Palm, Pedavegi, Andhra Pradesh to bring about 1.0 million ha. under oil palm by 2020 and produce 4.0 million tones of CPO by 2025. Potential areas/regions identified for expanding the area under plantation for setting up of additional processing facilities, etc. in the above plan are given in the enclosed Statement.